On the Science, State, Justice and Commerce Subcommittee of Appropriations, I am working to maintain America's leadership in space exploration. With other nations like China investing in space technology and innovation, America must stay focused as the world's leader in astro-science, physics and engineering. This week I had the pleasure to discuss America's role in future space operations with former NASA astronaut John Blaha. In addition to flying five space missions and chairing NASA's Space Flight Safety Panel, Blaha led the design and integration of the Orbiter Heads Up Display system.

